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**ARRANGEMENT FOR EQUIPMENT  
RELATED TO HORIZONTAL,  
CONTINUOUS CASTING OF METAL**

**RESPONSE UNDER 37. CFR 1.116,  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116(a)**

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